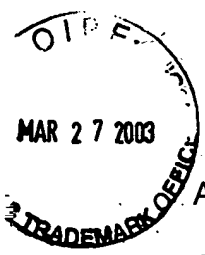


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Appl. No.: 09/856,988 Examiner: Bao Qun Li
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Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the restriction requirement mailed January 27, 2003 (Paper No. 16). Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641.

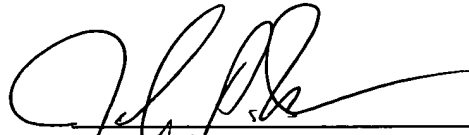
Applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group IV, namely claims 37 and 89-93. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that the examiner has not demonstrated the requisite "serious burden" needed to justify a restriction requirement. See MPEP § 803(B) (August 2001) at 800-4.

Applicants further elect a species with traverse, that species being a viral vector, namely an orthopox as exemplified by vaccinia. Elected host cells are dendritic cells. All elected claims should be readable on this species.

Applicants await a first office action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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